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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building, Suite 1173
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Dear Governor Newsom:

REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE – SENATE BILL 457 (ENROLLED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2019) – BIOMETHANE: GAS CORPORATIONS

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests your signature on Senate Bill 457 (SB 457). If enacted, the proposed legislation would require the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to extend a five-year monetary incentive program for the in-state production and distribution of biomethane from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2026, or until all available program funds are expended, whichever occurs first.

The Task Force strongly supports the proposed legislation because the PUC has already allocated the \$44 million for subsidizing biomethane interconnection and this bill would extend access to this important funding for getting renewable natural gas from solid waste to market. Funding for renewable natural gas is crucial to ensure the development of the much-needed organic waste recycling infrastructure for local jurisdictions to meet the Senate Bill 1383 (Lara - 2016) requirements.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles

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County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force supports SB 457, and respectfully requests your signature on this legislation. If you or staff have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force and
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